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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS WILL LIKELY BE APPROACHED AND
ASKED QUESTIONS BY NEWSMEN AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL, AND
AT OTHER POINTS DURING VISIT.

POST WOULD WELCOME GUIDANCE ON PREFERRED PRESS ARRANGEMENTS.
WE RECOMMEND SOME ARRIVAL STATEMENT ALONG LINES OF LIMA 10143
TO AVOID POSSIBLE MISREPRESENTATION OF ROGERS WANTS
FURTHER TIME WITH PRESS, IT COULD BE ARRANGED AT LATER
TIME EITHER AT RESIDENCE OR EMBASSY AUDITORIUM.
PRESS QUESTIONS THAT MAY DEVELOP:

1. CAN YOU COMMENT ON RECENT STATEMENTS BY THE HEAD OF
YOUR CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY THAT THE UNITED STATES
HAS THE RIGHT TO SPY ON ANY COUNTRY AND EVEN COVERTLY
"DESTABILIZE" GOVERNMENTS CONSIDERED DANGEROUS TO THE
SECURITY OF YOUR COUNTRY?

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2. THERE HAVE BEEN A SERIES OF DISTURBANCES AND DISRUP-

TIONS AND SOME ACTS OF TERRORISM IN THIS COUNTRY LATELY, AS WELL AS SCANDAL IN THE LARGE GOVERNMENT SUPERMARKET CHAIN EPSA. CAN THESE DEVELOPMENTS BE CONNECTED TO EFFORTS TO "DESTABLIZE" THIS GOVERNMENT DIRECTED BY THE CIA AS HAPPENED IN CHILE?

3. HOW MANY CIA AGENTS DOES THE U.S. EMBASSY HAVE IN PERU? IS THE CIA OPERATING IN PERU?

4. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE GOP'S DECISION TO TERMINATE THE PEACE CORPS AGREEMENT?

5. THERE HAVE BEEN STORIES THAT PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN INTELLIGENCE WORK AND OTHER COVERT ACTIVITIES. ANY COMMENT?

6. WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PERUVIAN REVOLUTION?

7. WOULD THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH PERU'S REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT EVEN THOUGH THE U.S. PRESS PICTURES OUR GOVERNMENT AS SOCIALISTIC AND LEFTIST?

8. WHAT IS THE POSITION OF THE U.S. ON THE REPORTED POSSIBILITY THAT THE PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT MAY BUY MARCONA MINING COMPANY?

9. WHAT IS YOUR OPINION ABOUT THE CHARGE MADE BY A SECTOR OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION IN PERU THAT AN AGREEMENT SIGNED BY PERU AND JAPAN TO FINANCE THE ANDEAN PIPELINE FROM THE AMAZONIAN JUNGLE TO THE PACIFIC COAST IS CONTRARY TO PERUVIAN SOVEREIGNTY?

10. WHEN IS SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER GOING TO VISIT PERU?

11. THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION ABOUT A POSSIBLE ARMED CONFRONTATION BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU. WHAT WOULD BE THE POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES IF SUCH A SITUATION DEVELOPED?

12. WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION REGARDING CUBAN ATTENDANCE
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AT THE MARCH MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES OF LATIN AMERICAN FOREIGN MINISTERS?

13. NEWS AGENCIES HAVE REPORTED FROM WASHINGTON SOURCES THAT THE U.S. WOULD BUY SUGAR FROM CUBA AGAIN, AND FIDEL CASTRO HAS SAID HE WOULD SELL. WOULD THE U.S. BUY FROM CUBA?

14. AN EDITORIAL IN A LIMA NEWSPAPER AND CRITICISM IN
VENEZUELA STATE THAT THE NEW TRADE ACT NOW BEING DIS-
CUSSED BY THE U.S. CONGRESS DISCRIMINATES AGAINST
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HOW DOES THE TRADE ACT NOW BEFORE
YOUR CONGRESS HELP THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES AND IS THERE
ANY BASIS FOR THIS CRITICISM?
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